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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 3 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

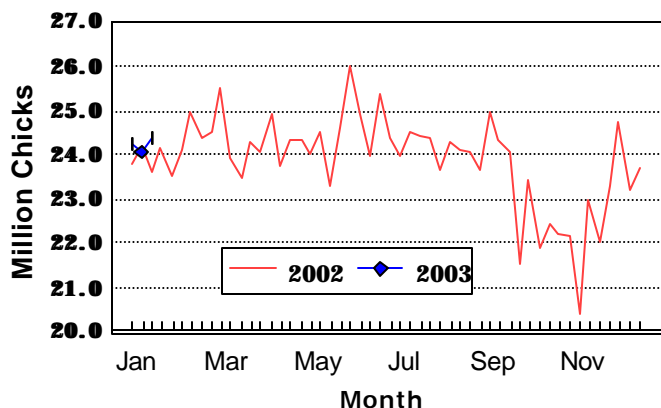
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 24.4 million during the week ending January 18, 2003. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 2002, and up 1 percent from the previous week, and included 2.9 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2002 through January 18, 2003 were 72.7 million, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 24.7 million, down 2 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and down fractionally from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.7 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.7 percent.

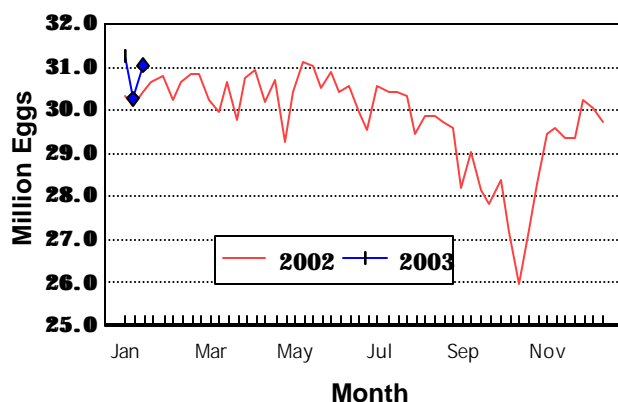
Arkansas hatcheries set 31.0 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending January 18, 2003, up 2 percent from the same period last year, and up 3 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2001-2002	2002-2003	% Change	2001-2002	2002-2003	% Change	2001-2002	2002-2003	% Change
	1,000			1,000			1,000		
Dec. 14	24,756	24,762	100	25,240	24,415	97	30,701	30,240	99
Dec. 21	26,129	23,254	89	25,714	24,244	94	30,830	30,054	97
Dec. 28	23,849	23,721	99	24,677	24,193	98	30,596	29,870	98
Jan. 4	23,827	24,244	102	25,194	24,836	99	30,326	31,253	103
Jan. 11	24,183	24,081	100	25,342	24,771	98	30,121	30,267	100
Jan. 18	23,617	24,397	103	25,087	24,693	98	30,421	31,023	102

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2002-2003



EGGS SET, 2002 - 2003



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2002-2003

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/	Week Ending						1/
	28-Dec	04-Jan	11-Jan	18-Jan	%	14-Dec	21-Dec	28-Dec	04-Jan	11-Jan	18-Jan	%
Alabama	27,442 *	28,789	27,934	27,516	94	21,362	21,620	21,517	21,322	21,069	20,995	92
ARKANSAS	29,870 *	31,253	30,267	31,023	102	24,762	23,254	23,721	24,244	24,081	24,397	104
Delaware	3,450	3,602	3,379	3,582	106	5,115	5,313	4,454	4,908	5,324 *	5,458	105
Florida	1,564	1,562	1,572	1,555	67	1,696	1,754	1,607	1,557	1,502	1,555	65
Georgia	30,888 *	30,877 *	30,668 *	30,888	98	24,818	24,836	24,543	24,577 *	24,309 *	25,170	101
Kentucky	6,081 *	6,123 *	6,517	6,537	98	5,390	5,186	5,314	5,180 *	5,392	4,981	105
Maryland	9,768	9,670	9,964 *	9,676	99	5,475	5,805	6,383	6,078	5,566 *	5,513	99
Mississippi	19,097 *	19,023 *	19,015 *	18,829	103	15,285	15,907	15,161	15,540	15,285 *	15,873	99
N. Carolina	18,122 *	18,590	18,287	18,697	101	14,344	14,273	13,978	14,491	14,309	14,091	94
Oklahoma	6,027	6,364	6,420	6,408	105	3,957	4,647	4,388	4,491	4,218	4,066	89
Pennsylvania	3,609	3,600 *	3,337 *	3,519	93	2,625	2,548	2,525	2,574 *	2,519 *	2,630	102
S. Carolina	4,863	4,729	4,756	4,792	101	3,225	3,831	3,939	4,105	3,589	4,341	114
Texas	14,890	14,559	14,709	14,485	99	12,083	11,821	11,729	11,914	11,636	11,769	97
Virginia	6,294	6,355	6,357	6,387	103	5,221	5,901	5,444	5,337	5,161	5,154	92
CALAMQ,TN,WV	19,178	19,589	19,370 *	19,614	100	17,540	18,005	17,321	18,094 *	18,324 *	17,731	91
Total 2002	201,143 *	204,685 *	202,552 *	203,508		162,898	164,701	162,024	164,412 *	162,284 *	163,724	
Total 2001	207,192	206,952	204,606	205,220		166,079	170,266	166,034	169,020	168,883	168,359	
% Prev. Year	97	99	99	99		98	97	98	97	96	97	
Approximate Marketing Date 2003.....						01-Feb	08-Feb	15-Feb	22-Feb	01-Mar	08-Mar	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 204 million eggs during the week ending January 18, 2003. This was down 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 3 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 164 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 18, 2003. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week in 2002. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through January 18, 2003 were 490 million, down 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.